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Mrs. Ford's Office

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Participation by Principal yes (Receiving line) no  
Remarks required none  
Background Each year the President's high school football team members and their wives get together at Thanksgiving -- this is the 1930 football team of South High School, Grand Rapids, Michigan

REQUIREMENTS

Social: Guest list yes  
Invitations yes Programs no Menus yes  
Refreshments Breakfast Menu  
Entertainment No  
Decorations/flowers Yes  
Music Yes  
Social Aides yes  
Dress Business Suit -- short casual dresses for the ladies Coat check yes  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Press: Reporters yes  
Photographers yes (pool)  
TV Crews \_\_\_\_\_  
White House Photographers yes Color yes Mono. \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Technical Support: Microphones no PA Other Rooms no  
Recording no  
Lights no  
Transportation by cars  
Parking South Grounds  
Housing --  
Other -- (Risers, stage, platforms) --

Project Co-ordinator Pat Howard Phone 2927

Site diagrams should be attached if technical support is heavy.

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*Marratt  
Twin  
Bridges  
(in wing  
note before*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SUBJECT: Instructions for Social Aides

EVENT: Thanksgiving Brunch (30-30 Club)

Date/Time: November 28, 1974 (11:00) No. of Guests: 50

Uniform: \_\_\_\_\_ Parking: \_\_\_\_\_

In-Place Time for Aides: \_\_\_\_\_

In-Place Time for OIC: \_\_\_\_\_

Duty Aide: LCDR T. S. Todd, USN

First Family Participation: The President and Mrs. Ford

The following Social Aides will attend:

\*Officer in Charge

Music: USMC Strings in the Lobby (10:30) (East Gate)  
USMC Cordovox in the Diplomatic Reception Room (10:30)

Remarks:

*MacCallister*  
for T. STEPHEN TODD  
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy  
Naval Aide to the President

DISTRIBUTION:

BGen Lawson  
LtCol Sardo  
LCDR Todd  
LtCol Blake  
Major Barrett

Mrs. Lammerding  
Mrs. Weidenfeld  
Secret Service  
Visitor's Office  
Band

Usher's Office  
White House Garage  
White House Staff Mess  
Mr. O'Donnell  
White House Police (7)



30/30

F  
wine

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

White Wines Series

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Monte Bros

Grey Reeling

(California Wine)




THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

On 5 1/2 of hours



Mr Bocher opened ceremony  
treasury report - Solvent  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

line-up of members -  
intro. of wives to  
each other - what  
they've been doing  
for last yr. Largest  
grp of members  
they've ever had.  
Boesher<sup>(va)</sup> - she was  
in Tr. High when



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

I just want  
to hug you.

We'll do our  
darndest to get  
to G.R. If cant  
get there maybe  
here next yr.

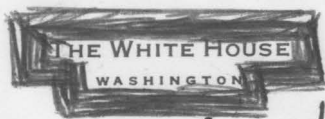
I'm proud  
happy ~~the~~ of



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Blessed country  
& Pp. We have  
a lot of pros.

Serious. I tell  
Am's on a visit  
to die. We are  
for good reasons  
The enemy of us  
all & the world.



Invocation by

Silent pray,

Laverne Noel

Loe

Ros Skiffers

Ros Mathen

There Blacksmen  
★

Wished

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Bosher

(Flank,  
Vno,  
Mrs.  
Ford





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Gerald Warner -

~~Retired Col~~

24 grandchildren

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Arthur G. Brown -



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

You recall last yr -  
an energy shortage.  
Got to attention  
H comment to  
how's media what  
cost of energy and for  
travel -  
no complaint of taxpayers.  
12,000 gallons of  
aviation fuel - most  
of the cargo -



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Pres. was last -  
Intro. is an  
honor -

Up'n're all. Met B.  
b I'd like you  
to ~~not~~ Intro. her again  
resigned her from  
Central High School

3 sons, Duke, theological  
school - making  
up from for Fa's sin -  
married

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Jack, <sup>4</sup> is forrest -  
Steve, that he is  
going to college but  
thinks he may  
want to be a  
ranch hand.

Probably go to college

Susan - Sr. in h.s.  
here

The Ford family delighted  
to have you here.

Over home to home of  
213, Milligan Ave

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

After we finish  
Brunch - Tour of  
it - small grp,  
of 10 or 12 - some  
feel for beauty  
of place & what  
a beautiful home  
it is.  
Go as grp to  
 Oval office, where  
I would

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

At all a symbol-

Many times, I have  
remembered greatly  
some v experience  
we had in 1930.  
That by w pretty  
overcome. Don't  
know how many  
times, Cliff sent  
made me do things apart  
we ~~separated~~ ~~that~~  
~~for three~~ again.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Swimming pool -

I game every sat.  
+ double headers  
on occasion -

Things that came to  
my mind -  
closeers at 250  
evident in 450  
prominent now.

Don't talk there,  
an athletic team

Art

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

It worked so  
close together &  
worked so well.

Leadership from  
Cliff. I remember  
some scoldings he'd  
give us for times  
to time. Didn't  
hurt us.

Danny here in fall -  
1929. Played next



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Yr. It is a team  
It was close to  
a variety of  
reasons. Observe that  
It our parents  
grateful for it.  
Remember going  
to Johnson's  
place - don't  
recall name -  
Johnson's Drug store  
on corner. This

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

For a st. person -  
we had go on  
& on & on - That

School was a  
st. period in  
my life time.

~~Observation~~ Al  
made, we (I've d  
by night -

Just go to back  
for trip - All fine

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

PP - in fact st  
VP - B whenever  
I've been back  
when it's  
Pachic, etc  
whenever I see  
Jaffar, Lincoln  
Memorial me, etc,  
are happy, I'm  
an Am.  
We've the most

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

playing ball &  
knowing you.

I thank you  
very much -

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Rem set with  
Football will  
to Pres. go in oval  
office  
~~Team~~ Capt. of S.H.S.  
30/30 Clus -  
1974

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BF -

a fraction, led by  
Pres

Expression of gratitude

Pen Set.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Our appreciation —  
for your well-  
being & happiness —

Noted & he put  
pres. pen in his  
pocket.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

No reason to honor  
me in any way  
to do apprec. &  
will treasure it.  
Know how much

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

A package given  
to Pres. & subsequently  
explained - pix.  
of Cliff Gethers  
1915 - ~~State~~  
State Poultry  
Contest -  
here's our beloved  
coach holding 5  
chickens



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

W. h. alot of  
hair -

Gave it to  
Ge Hips

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Pres.

1 order of business  
Election of Officers

Retain Same  
Officers -

We do have

due - b/w. now & next  
Nov.  
10 ←

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mr. Lipscomb -

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Rm. <sup>brief case</sup> →

1926

TS. Zoske  
Mr. Tosline →

30/30

Harold Bosscher - Pres. of 30/30  
club opened ceremony.

Art Brown - Sec'y - treasurer - gave  
treasury Report - Club is solvent

Brown then announced every  
member would ~~not~~ ~~be~~ announced.  
tell others ~~what~~ what they've been  
doing for last year and that  
they should intro. wives to every-  
one.

Brown told them this was  
the largest group of members  
they've ever had.  
He then proceeded to intro. every  
member in alphabetical order.

<sup>Apt. owner</sup>  
Burdell: wife recently passed away,  
son a lawyer

Bosscher: tool & Dye - Fisher Body 1

ret. Bouman: ~~24~~ 24 grandchildren; retired

Brown;

Coryell: Middle School - flag -  
Someone stole Flag. Found in  
Mailbox - someone transferred it  
to Central South High.

Dood: Jane, wife. 5 kids;  
12 grandchildren

Elliott: Fern 1932 class of South  
High

Elliott - 1 son; 1 grandchildren

Gethers: lost ~~his~~ his wife to  
democrats; Yvonne still Jerry.

still deem me, friend & our  
Pres. & I wd like to give  
a toast to our Pres. All  
stood up.  
Son.

Geyer - wife tries to keep  
him in line. One problem  
how to keep President for  
next year. Pres. of organ.

Says no comment.  
Heinzelman: "Retired" - From  
what - 4r. & a half  
ago retired - Had to figure  
out what to do in  
retirement. "When I  
wake up here, nothing to  
do, when I go to bed  
think things are half  
done"

Joslin: Son 33 yrs. old, daughter  
29, still single.

Someone said "don't give  
up hope" Son going to  
law school

Lurtsema.

Silas McGee: Everyone laughed  
& clapped. Asked how ~~the~~  
was in Alaska & O places  
for a while, Glen Longshore.  
man - anecdotes - Said  
about J.F. when someone  
asked: ~~That's~~ a man who  
to look forward to the future  
About himself "A Rolling stone  
does not get there anymore"



Mulvihill - wife wanders  
4 children. two grandchildren  
retired. "I'm a go-getter.  
Took my wife to work  
at 9:00 & then went to  
get her.

Nelson - retired, one son, a  
ranger

Preston - Since March in  
S. Africa. His comp. ~~to~~  
handles water supply  
lines for some of larger  
cities in S. Africa.  
3 children

Re sister: That blond there is  
my wife not her in  
9<sup>th</sup> grade in H.S. Wife  
told ~~her~~ him it wd  
be a gold, gold day  
when which her  
asked her to get married  
Married 40 yrs.

Rose: 2<sup>nd</sup> chief coach in 30.  
Wife didn't be here. Bro't  
his daughter, Sandra.  
Has son, 27, whose  
getting married. If  
Pres. wd. wait so long  
to have his fine wife  
son said "I'll have to  
wait too."

Ross — 5 grandchildren  
Special message - rep.  
1700 + H.S. students.  
Spoke to many of  
them. Think it's wonder-  
ful & glad he's here.

Ross: 3 grandchildren &  
daughter

Thomas: wife, Va - have  
2 & 3 children  
from former wife

Trump: wife, Lorraine.  
3 grandchildren  
children. like to fish

Van Tassel: Evelyn, wife.  
Tried each yr. to get  
here. Something has  
always come up.  
Da. in college

Wisner:

Gift - To Pres. <sup>Dwight D. Eisenhower</sup> Pen set with  
Football - will be  
in oval office -  
Inscription: To JFK being Capt.  
of S. H. S. 1930-30/30 class  
1974

Tomorrow -

10:30 Blair House

1:30 FBI

Pres.,

Was last to be intro.

He Intro. B. Ford, who he  
said they'd all me but  
he'd like them to know -  
Rescued her from Central  
High School.

3 sons, Milie, Jack Steve  
Da. Susan

De



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Art Brown -

Working at S. High.  
Found by Postal Service.  
Turned over to 30-30.

Sent year.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

*Art Brown-Secretary, 30-30 Club*  
*He usually get home about 4:30 each day (CST)*  
*616-243-5356*

*Carolyn*

matson  
11/25/74

30-30 Club

reason for name: it was the championship (city and state) South High Football Team (grand rapids) in 1930 -- and the team had 30 members total.

Total of 52 team members and wives are planning to attend as of Monday night.

They have met every year since 1930 on Thanksgiving Day. It has always been a breakfast, usually about 9 a.m. They used to meet at Hattem's Restaurant in Grand Rapids (Mose Hattem was a cheerleader at South). His restaurant closed and they started meeting at the Pantlind Hotel about 1960.

Their custom was to have only the team members at the breakfast, except for every five years, when each member would bring his wife and kids. Next year is the "five year" time, when the whole family will be included.

How it got to the White House this year.... last Thanksgiving, Art Brown (secy-treas of group) talked to the President and said that the group had been talking, and they thought it would be a lot cheaper for the taxpayer if all of the 30-30 Club came to Washington instead of JF flying back to Grand Rapids (this was right at the time that there was a great deal of criticism being leveled for excess use of jet fuel for Presidential travel). JF said 'great!' and, since Fords still in Alexandria house, planned to have it at a hotel here. Then Congress started talking about the Damiral's House, and JF sent word that they'd love to have it there. Then, in August after he became President, he had someone on his staff call Art Brown and left the message 'not to worry -- the breakfast would still be held, but there'd have to be one change -- in the place it would be.'

President of the group is Harold Bosscher of Rockford, Mich; VP of group is JF; treas is Art Brown.

This is largest %age of members who've ever attended. Of the list, might want to note:

- Clifford Gettings, Grand Rapids, who was coach in 1930
- Mr and Mrs. Edward Preston, who are coming from Johannesburg, South Africa
- Daniel P. Rose, who was asst coach
- Silas McGee, ret. longshoreman who has been subject of interviews on West Coast (apparently, some doctors bought his ticket to D.C. and gave him money for new suit)

note: they're arriving Natl Arprt 1:10 or 1:20 from GR Weds - press will be with & they don't care if D.C. media is aware

30 People on team  
state + city championship

lgst Page of members - 26 (all that's left)

Hattem's Restaur - Grand Rapids <sup>rest</sup> closed  
(Hattem <sup>muse</sup> was cheerleader at South) - agreed  
to open - Pantlind Hotel - 1960 1st time  
whole fam every 5 yrs

Pres Ford if not there, he calls

always been a breakfast ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> 9 a.m.

Each person intro wife + tells what  
they've done year before + about  
kids - rest social -

Basscher Pres

JF

V Pres

Secy-tr Art Brown

haphazard on  
elections

last thnksgiving - checked w/ <sup>-great-</sup> pres - then in  
wld love to have it here adm home-

had someone call + tell Art not to  
worry, brkfst wld still be held, but  
have to make one change - August

cheaper  
than for  
the <sup>tax</sup> page  
to come  
here -  
must  
fuel



29  
~~30~~ are flying out of 6R Weds am  
1:10 or 1:20 p.m. - does not mind  
info being given out  
6R press be there ahead -  
Chan 8 TV flying w/



Call Flower Shop  
speak w/ Chuck Smith  
(he is assisting during holidays)

also: Princess Redwing  
401/593-7795

### 30-30 Club Brunch

centerpieces:

turkeys made out of styrofoam

about 15" high

melted candle wax for the bill and red thing that hangs down

eyes out of corsage pins

sprayed antique gold (brownish) paint

in baskets, on mats

encircled by decorative gourds, purple grapes, cumquats

orange pyracantha used

(From Rex Scouten, 11/27/74 at 10:30 am)

Thanksgiving Dinner Menu

Roast Turkey with giblet gravy  
Bread stuffing  
Glazed chestnuts  
Cranberry sauce  
Mashed potatoes  
Broccoli  
Green salad bowl  
Cherry pie ala mode

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown will be guests at dinner, *tonight*.  
and will be staying overnight.

The Usher's office does not know what time dinner will be served tomorrow.





THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

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Coverage of 30-30 Club Brunch  
Thanksgiving Day, The White House

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South Portico entrance to White House

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start of brunch, get opening shot as guests  
are seated.

Photo pool

Reporters

Pool camera crew  
AP  
UPI  
Post  
Star  
Grand Rapids Press  
WOTV-Grand Rapids

AP  
UPI  
Washington Post  
Grand Rapids Press  
Network corresponden

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Time

\*C 1:15-ish

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added by Ron Nessen -  
Pres wants as much  
coverage as poss



List of 30-30 Club members for the  
White House Thanksgiving Brunch.

Mr. Michael Buddell  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Bosscher  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Bouman  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Brown  
Mr. & Mrs. Sherman Coryell  
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Dood  
Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Elliott  
Dr. & Mrs. Allan Elliott  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Ford  
Mr. Clifford Gettings  
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Geyer  
Mr. & Mrs. John Heinzelman  
Mr. & Mrs. Leon Joslin  
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Luurtsema  
Mr. & Mrs. John Mulvihill  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nelson  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Preston  
Mr. & Mrs. Milton Register  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Rose  
Mr. & Mrs. Archie Ross  
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Ross  
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Thomas  
Mr. & Mrs. James Trimpe  
Mr. & Mrs. Burgess Wisner  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Zylstra

No Word From:

Mr. Silas McGee *Yes*  
Mr. Leo Van Tassel

Will Not Attend:

Mr. Ford Lipscomb

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Mrs. JAMES W.

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

MR. & MRS.

Bordell, (Nassif) Michael  
1942 Oakridge Drive  
Charleston, West Virginia 25311  
Apartment owner

Boscher, Harold *SEE BACK OF PAGE #2*  
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Retired Grand Rapids fireman.

MR. & MRS.

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Tool & Die - Fisher Body #1, G.R.

MR. & MRS.

Coryell, Sherman  
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Grand Rapids, Michigan 49508  
Retired South High School Principal

MR. & MRS.

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Phone: 794-0119

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Professor, Clarion State College

MR. & MRS.

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Associate Professor, Central Michigan U.

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Vice President of the United States

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Semitired

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MR.

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2453 Belfast, S. E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507  
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McGee, Silas  
Present address unknown 22 S. Park  
(? Oakland, California 94603) S.F. 94107  
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MR. & MRS.

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9176 S. Riverside Dr., Rt. #3  
Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837  
Retired. Supervisor, Lansing Oldsmobile

Preston, Edward A.

132 Small Avenue *SEE BACK OF PAGE*  
West Caldwell, New Jersey 07006  
Vice President, Interpace Corporation

MR. & MRS.

Register, Milton  
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Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506  
Supervisor. Lear Siegler

MR. & MRS.

Rose, Daniel P., Assistant Coach  
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Mount Pleasant, Michigan 48858  
Retired. Athletic Director, Central Michigan

MR. & MRS.

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Asst. Prin, Lansing Everett High School

*MR & MRS*

Eccs, Herbert  
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Retired. Fisher Body, Marion, Ind.

*MR & MRS*

Thomas, Floyd  
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Grandville, Michigan 49418  
Funeral Director

*MR & MRS*

Triapa, James  
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Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506  
Sales, General Electric Co.

Van Tassel, Leo ?  
Northern Michigan University  
Marquette, Michigan 49855

*MR & MRS.*

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Grand Rapids, Michigan 49508  
Owner, Burge Chemical

*MR. & MRS.*

Zylstra, Richard J.  
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Supervisor, Ford Motor Company

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DECEASED MEMBERS

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Krause, Arthur W., Principal

Wickett, Howard W., Faculty Manager

Blackport, Marvin

Cooley, Louis

Knowles, LaVerne

Koepnick, Russell

Matson, Robert

Schipper, Russell

Smith, Wallace





*MR. & MRS*

Mr. Harold Bosscher  
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Rockford, Michigan.  
49341.

*MR & MRS*

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of South Africa, P.O. Box #78592,  
Sandton, Tvl., 2146,  
Republic of South Africa.

OFFICERS OF THE 30-30 CLUB ARE

BOSSCHER - PRESIDENT

FORD - VICE PRESIDENT

BROWN - SECRETARY

30-30 Club Brunch

centerpieces:

turkeys made out of styrofoam

about 15" high

melted candle wax for the bill and red thing that hangs down

eyes out of corsage pins

sprayed antique gold (brownish) paint

in baskets, on mats

encircled by decorative gourds, purple grapes, cumquats

orange pyracantha used



30-30 Brunch

Seating Arrangement - Separate couples. Seating discussed  
between President and Art Brown

Table cloth<sup>s</sup> - Yellow

China - Franklin Roosevelt

Dress - Short dresses for ladies; business suits for men

Wine - Wente Bros Dry Redding (Calif. wine)

Private Dinner

Mrs. Ford wanted cherry pie.

Centerpiece - Rex has not received word on that, but he  
assumes they would not use the same as the  
morning but would have flowers from the garden.





For immediate release  
Monday, Nov. 25, 1974

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

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First Family schedule for  
week of Nov. 25, 1974

Nov. 28, 1974  
Thanksgiving Day

The President and Mrs. Ford will host the President's High School Football Team for a Thanksgiving Brunch at 11 a.m. at the White House. Known as the 30-30 Club, guests are members of the 1930 football team of South High School, Grand Rapids, Mich., and their wives. About 54 guests are expected.



For immediate release  
Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1974

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

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The President and Mrs. Ford will be hosts Thanksgiving Day at a brunch for members of the President's high school football team and their wives. The brunch will be at 11 a.m. in the White House Blue Room. About 52 guests are expected.

The group is known as the 30-30 Club, so named because it took the city and state football championships for South High School in Grand Rapids in 1930, and because the team had 30 members.

It has met for breakfast on Thanksgiving Day every year since 1930, though this is the first meeting in Washington, D.C. (they generally meet in a restaurant in Grand Rapids). Plans were made to meet this year in Washington about a year ago.

Harold Bosscher of Rockford, Mich. is president of the Club; The President is vice president; and Art Brown of Grand Rapids is secretary-treasurer.

Traveling the farthest are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Preston of Johannesburg, South Africa. Also attending will be Clifford Gettings of Grand Rapids, who was coach of the team in 1930.

The menu:      Honeydew melon garnished with strawberries  
                 Eggs Benedict  
                 Asparagus

Hot apple pie and vanilla ice cream

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SCHEDULE FOR 30-30 CLUB MEMBERS

Wednesday, November 27, 1974

- 1:20 p.m.      Arrival by United Flight #642Y charter aircraft at National Airport. You will be met by Col. Ric Sardo and Nancy Howe.
- 1:30 p.m.      Depart National Airport via Marriott Corporation mini bus.
- 1:40 p.m.      Arrive Marriott Twin Bridges Hotel.

Thursday, November 28, 1974

- 10:15 a.m.      Aboard Marriott mini bus.
- 10:25 a.m.      Chartered bus departs Hotel for White House.
- 10:45 a.m.      Arrive via Southwest Gate to Diplomatic Reception Room.
- 11:00 a.m.      You will be escorted to the Green Room where you will be greeted by the President and Mrs. Ford.
- 11:20 a.m.      Brunch in the Blue Room.
- 1:15 p.m.      You will be met by Mike Farrell and then given a special tour of the White House.
- 2:30 p.m.      You will be escorted to the Diplomatic Entrance and transported by chartered bus to the Twin Bridges Hotel.
- 2:45 p.m.      Arrive Hotel.

Friday, November 28, 1974

- 10:30 a.m.      A special tour of the Blair House has been arranged for you. (No special transportation provided).
- 1:30 p.m.      A special FBI tour at the Department of Justice has been arranged. (No special transportation provided).
- 2:45 p.m.      FBI tour completed.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

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REVISED

11/27/74

4:00 p. m.

Coverage of 30-30 Club Brunch  
Thanksgiving Day, The White House

10:45 a. m. Full coverage of arrival of guests at  
South Portico entrance to White House

11:15 a. m. Pickup in Press Lobby of pool to cover  
start of brunch, get opening shot as guests  
are seated.

Photo pool

Reporters

ABC, CBS, NBC, TVN  
AP  
Post  
Star  
Grand Rapids Press  
WOTV-Grand Rapids  
Time, Newsweek

AP  
UPI  
Washington Post  
Grand Rapids Press  
Network correspondent

~~1:30 p. m. Pickup in Press Lobby~~  
~~Full coverage, Photo of President & Brunch party \*~~

3:00 p. m. Full coverage of departure of guests at South  
Portico. Interviews may be conducted in  
Diplomatic Reception Room.  
Pick up in Press Lobby

\*Grand Staircase

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SCHEDULE FOR MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR G. BROWN

Wednesday, November 27, 1974

1:20 p.m. Arrival by United Flight # 642Y charter aircraft at National Airport.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown will be picked up by a White House staff car.

1:30 p.m. Depart National Airport.

1:40 p.m. Arrival at Diplomatic Entrance of White House.

1:15 P.M.  
Mr. and Mrs. Brown will be met and escorted to their quarters on the third floor of the mansion.

2:00 p.m. Luncheon will be served to Mr. and Mrs. Brown in the Solarium.

2:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will be escorted to the Diplomatic Entrance for transportation to the Capitol.

2:45 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Brown arrive at the Capitol, are met by William M. (Fish Bait) Miller, and escorted on a tour of the Capitol.

3:45 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Brown depart the Capitol for the White House.

4:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Brown arrive Diplomatic Entrance, are met by Mike Farrell, and given a conducted tour of the White House.

5:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are escorted to their living quarters on the third floor of the mansion.

7:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are escorted to the West Hall on the second floor of the mansion for cocktails with the President and the First Lady.

8:00 p.m. Dinner with the President and First Lady.

10:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Brown return to their quarters on the third floor of the mansion.



Thursday, November 28, 1974

9:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are served breakfast in the Solarium.

It is possible that they will be joined by the President and First Lady, if schedules permit.

10:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Brown's luggage will be taken from their quarters to the Diplomatic entrance and transported to their room at the Twin Bridges Marriott Motel.

10:45 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are escorted to the first floor of the mansion for the 30-30 Brunch.

11:00-1:00 30-30 Brunch.

2:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are escorted to the Diplomatic Entrance and transported by White House car to the Twin Bridges Marriott Motel.





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 27, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

NANCY HOWE

FROM:

MIKE FARRELL

SUBJECT:

"30-30 Brunch" Group  
Tour Reservations for  
Friday, November 29, 1974

The following arrangements have been made for the "30-30 Brunch" guests:

10:30 a. m.

Special Tour - Blair House

Please inform them that Blair House is located on Pennsylvania Avenue between 17th Street N. W. and Jackson Place, N. W. (Across from the White House and one block west). I will meet the group and introduce them to Mrs. Wilroy who is the President's Hostess at Blair House.

The Tour will last one hour.

1:30 p. m.

Special Tour - F. B. I.

Please ask them to go to the main entrance of the Justice Department on 10th Street, N. W. between Constitution Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. They will be met by Special Agent Robert Haynes, F. B. I. Liaison Officer to the White House.

The Tour will last one and a half hours.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

THANKSGIVING BRUNCH  
FOR  
MEMBERS OF THE 30-30 CLUB

Thursday, November 28, 1974  
11:00 a. m.

Dress: Business Suit ... Short Dresses for the Ladies

Arrival:

- 11:00 a. m. ... Your guests will arrive through the Diplomatic Reception Room and will be escorted to the Green Room. Juices and mixed drinks will be served.
- 11:05 a. m. ... You and Mrs. Ford will be escorted via elevator to the Green Room and will greet your guests.
- 11:20 a. m. ... After mingling with your guests, you and Mrs. Ford will precede your guests into the Blue Room for Brunch.

Brunch:

- Round tables
- You will seat Mrs. Ford and give the Thanksgiving Blessing.
- 12:30 p. m. ... At the conclusion of Brunch you will rise and propose a toast ... members of the 30-30 Club will respond. (Suggested toast - Tab A)

NOTE:

There will be a photo taken by the White House photographer and the wire photographers after you are seated ... transcripts of your toast will be released to the press.





After Brunch:

- You and Mrs. Ford will invite your guests to the Grand Hall where they will assemble at the foot of the Grand Staircase for a group photograph.
- You and Mrs. Ford will then invite your guests to stay for a tour -- which will begin with the Second Floor.

NOTE:

White House tour guides will conduct the tour.

Departure:

- You and Mrs. Ford may wish to escort your guests to the Second Floor to begin their tour and then bid them farewell.

NOTES:

Guest list is attached (Tab B).

Military Social Aides will be present.

A Cordovox will be played in the Diplomatic Reception Room as your guests arrive.

Marine String Ensemble will be playing in the Grand Hall.

Nancy Lammerding



GUEST LIST FOR THE BRUNCH TO BE GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT AND  
MRS. FORD FOR THE 30-30 CLUB ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1974,  
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, THE WHITE HOUSE:

Mr. Michael Burdell	<i>apt owner</i>
Charleston, West Virginia	
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bosscher	<i>tool + dye Fisher Body I</i>
Rockford, Michigan	
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bouman	<i>ret. fireman from grand rapids</i>
White Cloud, Michigan	
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Brown	<i>tool + dye Fisher Body I</i>
Grand Rapids, Michigan	
Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Coryell	<i>ret. South High teacher</i>
Grand Rapids, Michigan	
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dood	<i>ret. salesman</i>
Belding, Michigan	
Dr. and Mrs. Allan R. Elliott	<i>prof claryon St Coll (Penn)</i>
Shippensburg, Pennsylvania	
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Elliott	<i>assoc prof Central Mich Univ</i>
Mount Pleasant, Michigan	
* Mr. Clifford H. Gettings	<i>coach in 1930 (sells real estate)</i>
Grand Rapids, Michigan	
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Geyer	<i>real estate broker</i>
Grand Rapids, Michigan	
Mr. and Mrs. John Heinzelman	<i>ret. dmnr</i>
Greenville, Michigan	
Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Joslin	<i>owner Joslin Realty</i>
Seattle, Washington	
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lurtsema	<i>ret. fisher body I</i>
Grand Rapids, Michigan	
* Mr. Silas McGee	<i>ret. longshoreman (two drs \$500 new suit)</i>
San Francisco, California	
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Mulvihill	<i>ret. Arnd R varnish co</i>
Wyoming, Michigan	
Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Nelson	<i>ret. Genl Motors plant</i>
Grand Ledge, Michigan	
* Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Preston	<i>VP. Interpace (\$3,000 on flight)</i>
Johannesburg, South Africa	
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Register	<i>spurs - Leer-Sigler</i>
Grand Rapids, Michigan	
* Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Rose	<i>asst coach - 1930 - ret. athletic dir, Central Mich Univ (pres' coach in basketball)</i>
Mount Pleasant, Michigan	
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ross	<i>asst princ lansing - Everett H.S.</i>
East Lansing, Michigan	
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ross	<i>ret fisher body, Marion, Ind</i>
Portage, Michigan	
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Thomas	<i>funeral dir</i>
Grandville, Michigan	



Mr. and Mrs. James Trimpe  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Van Tassel  
Marquette, Michigan  
Mr. and Mrs. Burgess L. Wisner  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Zylstra  
Chicago Heights, Illinois

olsmn-Gen Elec

Northern Mich Univ

owner Barge Chemical

spurs, ford motor  
trouble-shooter



GUEST LIST FOR THE BRUNCH TO BE GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT AND  
MRS. FORD FOR THE 30-30 CLUB ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1974  
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, THE WHITE HOUSE:

Pres. was anten-  
all-city Met  
year

Mr. Michael Burdell	apt owner	
Charleston, West Virginia		
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bosscher	tool & dye	Fisher Body, I
Rockford, Michigan		
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bouman		ret. fireman from grand rapids
White Cloud, Michigan		
* Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Brown	tool & dye	Fisher Body, I
Grand Rapids, Michigan	was tackle -	* all city
Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Coryell		ret. South High teacher
Grand Rapids, Michigan		
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dood		ret. salesman
Belding, Michigan		
Dr. and Mrs. Allan R. Elliott		prof claryon St Coll (Penn)
Shippensburg, Pennsylvania		
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Elliott		assoc prof Central
Mount Pleasant, Michigan		Mich Univ
* Mr. Clifford H. Gettings		coach in 1930 (real estate)
Grand Rapids, Michigan		
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Geyer		real estate broker
Grand Rapids, Michigan		
Mr. and Mrs. John Heinzelman		ret. slmn
Greenville, Michigan		
Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Joslin		owner Joslin Realty
Seattle, Washington		
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lurtsema		ret. Fisher Body, I
Grand Rapids, Michigan		
* Mr. Silas McGee		was an end - all city
San Francisco, California		ret. longshoreman (two drs \$1500 new suit)
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Mulvihill		ret. Grand R Varnish co
Wyoming, Michigan		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Nelson		ret. Genl Motors plant
Grand Ledge, Michigan		
* Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Preston		VP. Interpace (\$3,000 on flight)
Johannesburg, South Africa		
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Register		supervisor - Leer Sigler
Grand Rapids, Michigan		
* Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Rose		asst coach 1930 -
Mount Pleasant, Michigan		ret. athletic dir,
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ross		Central Mich Univ
East Lansing, Michigan		(pres coach in basketball)
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ross		ast principal
Portage, Michigan		Lansing - Everett H.S.
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Thomas		ret. Fisher Body, Marion, Ind
Grandville, Michigan		funeral dir





Table 1

THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Joslin  
Mr. Brown  
Mrs. Zylstra  
Mr. Bosscher  
Mrs. Allan Elliott  
Mr. Register  
Mrs. Dood  
Mr. Wisner  
Mrs. Archie Ross

Table 2

MRS. FORD

Mr. Joslin  
Mrs. Brown  
Dr. Elliott  
Mrs. Register  
Mr. Gettings  
Mrs. Wisner  
Mr. Zylstra  
Mrs. Heinzelman  
Mr. Preston

Table 3

Mr. Rose  
Mrs. Preston  
Mr. Van Tassel  
Mr. Archie Ross  
Mrs. Malcolm Elliott  
Mr. Nelson  
Mrs. Coryell  
Mr. McGee  
Mr. Heinzelman  
Mrs. Bosscher

Table 4

Mr. Coryell  
Mrs. Geyer  
Mr. Bouman  
Mrs. Trimpe  
Mr. Burdell  
Mrs. Herbert Ross  
Mr. Lurtsema  
Mrs. Thomas  
Mr. Mulvihill  
Mrs. Nelson

Table 5

Mr. Elliott  
Mrs. Bouman  
Mr. Geyer  
Mrs. Lurtsema  
Mr. Dood  
Mrs. Mulvihill  
Mr. Thomas  
Mrs. Van Tassel  
Mr. Trimpe  
Mr. Herbert Ross  
~~Mrs. Rose~~  
Mrs. Sandra Bellinger



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Mrs. Zylstra  
Mr. Bosscher  
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Mrs. Register  
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Mrs. Heinzelman  
Mr. Preston

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Mrs. Malcolm Elliott  
Mr. Nelson  
Mrs. Coryell  
Mr. McGee  
Mr. Heinzelman  
Mrs. Bosscher

Table 4

Mr. Coryell  
Mrs. Geyer  
Mr. Bouman  
Mrs. Trimpe  
Mr. Burdell  
Mrs. Herbert Ross  
Mr. Lurtsema  
Mrs. Thomas  
Mr. Mulvihill  
Mrs. Nelson

Table 5

Mr. Elliott  
Mrs. Bourman  
Mr. Geyer  
Mrs. Lurtsema  
Mr. Dood  
Mrs. Mulvihill  
Mr. Thomas  
Mrs. Van Tassel  
Mr. Trimpe  
Mr. Herbert Ross

~~Mrs. Rose~~

Mrs. Sandra Bellinger



Table 1

THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Joslin *to his rt.*  
Mr. Brown  
Mrs. Zylstra  
Mr. Bosscher  
Mrs. Allan Elliott  
Mr. Register  
Mrs. Dood  
Mr. Wisner  
Mrs. Archie Ross *to his left*

Table 2

MRS. FORD

Mr. Joslin  
Mrs. Brown *rt.*  
Dr. Elliott  
Mrs. Register  
Mr. Gettings  
Mrs. Wisner  
Mr. Zylstra  
Mrs. Heinzelman  
Mr. Preston *left*

Table 3

Mr. Rose  
Mrs. Preston  
Mr. Van Tassel  
Mr. Archie Ross  
Mrs. Malcolm Elliott  
Mr. Nelson  
Mrs. Coryell  
Mr. McGee  
Mr. Heinzelman  
Mrs. Bosscher

Table 4

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Mrs. Geyer  
Mr. Bouman  
Mrs. Trimpe  
Mr. Burdell  
Mrs. Herbert Ross  
Mr. Lurtsema  
Mrs. Thomas  
Mr. Mulvihill  
Mrs. Nelson

Table 5

Mr. Elliott  
Mrs. Bouman  
Mr. Geyer  
Mrs. Lurtsema  
Mr. Dood  
Mrs. Mulvihill  
Mr. Thomas  
Mrs. Van Tassel  
Mr. Trimpe  
Mr. Herbert Ross  
Mrs. *Beltinger*

1 man not here -





lost when Smith High  
turned into 2nd and school -

Pres.  
Art Brown

10:30 Blair  
Horse

1:30 FBI

Swimming -  
Betty Fnd, Football  
from the Redskin

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Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Joslin  
Seattle, Washington  
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lurtsema  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Mr. Silas McGee  
San Francisco, California  
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Mulvihill  
Wyoming, Michigan  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Nelson  
Grand Ledge, Michigan  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Preston  
Johannesburg, South Africa  
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Register  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Mr. ~~and Mrs.~~ Daniel P. Rose  
Mount Pleasant, Michigan  
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ross  
East Lansing, Michigan  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ross  
Portage, Michigan  
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Thomas  
Grandville, Michigan  
Mr. and Mrs. James Trimpe  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Van Tassel  
Marquette, Michigan  
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Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Zylstra  
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Sandra Bellinger



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Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Zylstra  
Chicago Heights, Illinois

co-walker of  
Pres. Betty, wife  
chemical business  
in G.R. wife of  
an of business  
2 sons & daughter  
2 grand son  
1 daughter college  
mother 91 yrs. old  
lives by herself  
2 blocks from  
S.H. School  
wicked, him out of bed  
& said, get to school  
wife Va - here  
2 of course you  
know, here 3  
children from former  
wife

Sandra Bellinger

wife, Ellen  
still working for auto  
comp. wife 65 yrs.  
both teaching 65 yrs.  
thinking about retiring.  
2 girls, boys  
10 girls,  
4 girls,  
14 yrs old  
made  
mishap children  
on no.

Sue, wife  
Tried each yr -  
Sue's has al-  
ways come up -  
daughter who  
in college -

wife,  
Lorraine,  
3 grandchildren  
2 children  
& lives to fish



11/28/74

Thanksgiving at the White House

(NBC-2:40 minutes)

After receiving in full the White House Thanksgiving dinner menu, and the brunch menu, John Chancellor said:

"It was a mouth-watering day at the White House, and a nostalgic day at brunch, a reunion of the 1930 Grand Rapids High School Football team, which won a state championship. The team captain was Gerald Ford. Here's more on that story from John Cochran:"

"They came from as far away as South Africa for the most memorable reunion the 1930 Grand Rapids South High team has ever had. Some brought wives and presents for the first family. Some did not. Silas McGee had enough trouble just getting the money for the trip from his home in San Francisco. But he was not about to miss seeing his old teammate, Jerry Ford." (NBC showed extensive footage on McGee)

"Silas McGee always called Jerry Ford "juny" back in the days when Silas was all-city halfback and Juny was allstate Center on the undefeated Grand Rapids team" Cochran said. Over 61 now, but they are still in good shape, even though their hair is thinner and their midriffs thicker. After a





leisurely brunch, which took more than two hours, President Ford's old teammates took a tour of the White House, and then came outside for a special picture taking session.

"The idea was to try to duplicate a picture of Mr. Ford with three of his teammates, taken 44 years ago. And they came close to duplicating it (as film of the picture-taking was shown.) The people were all the same. Only the physiques have changed. But while others on the team may joke about their aches and pains now, Silas McGee says he is as great as ever. (Pictures of McGee showing how he carried the ball.)

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(ABC-2:10 minutes.)

Howard K. Smith said Thanksgiving comes at troubled times for many.

"At the White House, the man on whose desk the most trouble lands, the President set the tone by hosting his high school football team. ABC's Tom Jarriel reports:"

Forty-four years ago they were the Michigan state high school championship football team. Today they assembled around their captain, Gerald Ford for the annual reunion of the 30-30 club. As 22 surviving members of the 30-man 1930 club posed for pictures and tossed the football around after brunch, a lot of the old team spirit was still evident. (Film of President talking with teammates and lining them up for picture.)

"In disparaging moments, Lyndon Johnson used to accuse then House minority leader Ford of playing too much football without a helmet. What sort of football player was he?"

McGee "He was a doggone good one -- the very best, very very best." (McGee gave a detailed report on what a good player Gerry Ford was).

"He always wore his football helmet," said McGee. "Anyone says he didn't, they got rocks in his head."

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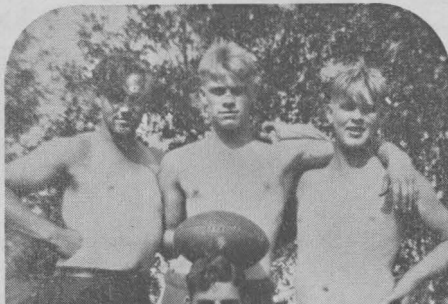
Jarriel said "Comedian Dick Gregory and three congressmen paced the cold sidewalk outside to protest what they called the Administration's lack of concern for the world's hungry."



# PARTY

## A NOT-SO-INSTANT REPLAY AT JUNIE'S WHITE HOUSE

**T**he White House mood was festive, the eggs benedict were delicious, and the only inflation anyone was visibly worried about involved filling a football with air. It was the 44th annual reunion of Michigan's 1930 state football champions, the South High Trojans of Grand Rapids, whose captain was center and linebacker Gerald R. "Junie" Ford Jr. All 43 previous re-



Ford personally, the White House pointed out). Then the old Trojans, many wearing "WIN" buttons in an impressive showing of residual team spirit, gathered on the big lawn for a picture session. They reminisced about their old teammate Junie, now the occupant of the big house behind them, remembering him as a reliable, steady center on offense and a rugged, hard-

## The Weather

Today—Mostly sunny, high in the upper 40s, low near 30. Chance of precipitation is near zero today, 10 per cent tonight. Saturday—Mostly cloudy, high in the 40s. Yesterday's temp. range, 51-33. Details on Page C1.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMB

## Jerry Ford Host At 44th Reunion Of Football Team

By Bob Addie and Tom Shales

Washington Post Staff Writers

The man in the blue suit wore his name tag yesterday as the 30-30 Club gathered in the Blue Room of the White House.

The label said: "Hello, My Name is Gerald R. Ford."

It was the 44th reunion of the 30-30 Club, so named



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## Siki's Back With the Team

By John Sherwood  
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Yesterday the day was all for "Siki." Good and funny and lost Siki, the little end with the big words and ready wit. They hadn't seen him for 44

Mich. But yesterday's reunion was different from all the rest. The long lost Siki was there.

"MY HUSBAND probably wouldn't admit it," said Mrs. Peter Dood. "but he was more

was left of hair that had turned gray was mussed, and backs were pounded as if they were still protected by shoulder pads.

To look at these old kids, one would think they were somehow still young and still undefeated.

ber this, they said. Do you remember that, they said.

Junie's best friend, high-scoring quarterback Allan Elliott (who wore No. 12) was diagramming his favorite play, sweep 78, from a short punt formation. In

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# Ford Has a Reunion With Grand Rapids Football Team

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (UPI)—President and Mrs. Ford celebrated their first Thanksgiving in the White House with a reunion of the President's Grand Rapids high school football teammates.

Outside, Dick Gregory, the comedian, and two members of Congress picketed to protest



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UPI Telephoto

Silas McGee, San Francisco longshoreman and teammate of President Ford in high school, reminisces with the chief executive before brunch at White House.

## Mich. Champions Visit Ol' Buddy

By FRANK JACKMAN

Washington, Nov. 28 (News Bureau)—They were middle-aged and somewhat paunchy and what hair they had was gray, but for a few moments at least, on this crisp fall day, they were the South High "Trojans" of 1930 again, Class A state football cham-

1974 Thanksgiving

San Francisco Chronicle ★★ Sat., Nov. 16, 1974

# He'll See Ford in Style

By Maitland Zane

Silas McGee won't have to go on a freight to the White House after all.

The retired longshoreman, who has been invited to

"I'm gonna walk in the White House and say, 'The President of the United States, I presume? You know, Junie, you really went places.'"





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